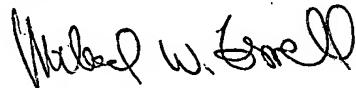


REMARKS

Applicants file herewith a divisional of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/917,048, filed July 27, 2001, which application has been allowed. The allowed claims have been cancelled and the remaining claims in this application have not previously been considered; Claim 6 has been re-written in independent form.

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ANNEX B
(marked-up version of paragraph 1 on page 1 of specification)

Claim for Priority

This non-provisional application claims the benefit of the filing date of patent application is a divisional patent application of U.S. Serial No. 09/917,048, filed July 27, 2001, now United States Patent No. _____, which application was based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/274,678, filed March 9, 2001. The priorities of the foregoing applications are hereby claimed.

APPENDIX B
(marked-up) version of Claim 6)

6. (Amended) A product metering napkin dispenser comprising:

a) a napkin magazine for receiving a stack of folded napkins;

(b) shelf means for releasably retaining said stack of folded napkins about a terminal portion of said napkin magazine;

(c) a metering member; and

(d) means for providing relative motion between said metering member and said shelf means,

wherein said shelf means, metering member and said means for providing relative motion between said metering member and said shelf means are configured and arranged such that said metering member penetrates said stack of napkins a predetermined distance from said shelf means in a metering operation thereby segregating a predetermined number of napkins from the remainder of said stack for dispensing, and wherein said shelf means are movable with respect to said stack of folded napkins in said napkin magazine, and the napkin dispenser according to Claim 4, wherein said shelf means are rotatably mounted about a shaft and are configured to release napkins upon rotation of said shaft.